(c) by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) At present, the Central Government makes available wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene oil under the Public Distribution System to the State and UT Governments for distribution through the Fair Price Shops (FPS). In order to increase the viability of FPSs, under the System, the State Governments have been advised to allow the FPSs, to sell other non-PDS items of daily consumption/use also. Some States have already allowed sale of such items through the FPSs. However, LPG is not a rationed item. It is a purely commercial good marketed by Government Oil Companies through their dstributors appointed as per their commercial consideration.

(b) and (c) Government has not taken any decision to provide training to TPDS shopkeepers.

Condition of foodgrain godowns

†2044. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of foodgrain godowns is not good in the country and due to the lack of proper maintenance most of foodgrain stocks get decayed;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to maintain them properly and whether any additional plan has been formulated for this purpose; and

(c) the total number of foodgrain godowns in different States in the country at present and the total number, out of these godowns which are not in good condition alongwith the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the godown, held by Food Corporation of India (FCI), either owned or hired, are in good condition. While FCI godowns in the country are scientifically constructed as per ISI Code 607-1971 and are being maintained properly, hired godowns are taken only after thorough inspection by a team of FCI officers.

(c) A Detail indicating the State-wise number of godowns held by the FCI as on 30.06.2007 is given in Statement. FCI has informed that all these godowns are in good conditions.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise number of depot (owned and hired/covered and (Cap) available with food corporation of India as on 30.06.2007

Region/U.T.	F.C.I. Owned	Covered				Total Hired	Total Covered	Cap Owned	(Open) Hired	Total	Grand Total
		Hired from									
		State Govt.	C.W.C.	S.W.C.	Private Parties						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bihar	14	1	8	15	10	34	48	0	0	0	48
Jharkhand	6	1	2	9	2	14	20	0	0	0	20
Orissa	23	0	10	40	1	51	74	0	0	0	74
West Bengal	26	2	7	0	6	15	41	0	0	0	41
Sikkim	1.00	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL:	70	5	27	64	19	115	185	0	0	0	185
Assam	17	1	2	2	10	15	32	0	0	0	32
Arunachal Pradesh	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Megnalaya	3	0	1	2	0	3	6	0	0	0	6
Mizoram	4	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	5
Tripura	3	2	1	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	6
Manipur	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4
Nagaland	4	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	5
TOTAL:	38	5	5	4	10	24	62	0	0	0	62
Delhi	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	4	10
Haryana	36	22	9	26	8	65	101	25	1	26	121

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Himachal Pradesh	6	8	3	0	0	11	17	0	0	0	17
Jammu & Kashmir	14	3	0	0	7	10	24	0	0	0	24
Punjab	111	2	7	73	23	115	226	93	0	93	319
Chandigarh	4	0	4	3	0	7	11	4	0	4	15
Rajasthan	35	0	3	6	3	12	47	15	18	33	80
Uttar Pradesh	52	2	20	20	3	45	97	28	0	28	125
Uttranchal	5	4	4	7	1	16	21	2	0	2	23
TOTAL:	269	41	50	145	45	281	550	171	19	190	740
Andhra Pradesh	35	0	17	74	2	93	128	5	0	5	133
Andaman Nikobar	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kerala	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	6	0	6	29
Karnataka	21	0	6	10	0	16	37	9	0	9	46
Tamil Nadu	13	0	5	7	0	12	25	6	0	6	31
Pondicherry	3	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	1	5
TOTAL:	96	0	28	92	2	122	218	27	0	27	245
Gujarat	15	2	5	0	0	7	22	10	0	10	32
Maharashtra	17	2	14	20	6	42	59	5	0	5	64
Goa	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Madhya Pradesh	23	1	9	22	4	36	59	6	0	6	65
Chhattisgarh	18	0	5	19	1	25	43	2	11	13	56
TOTAL:	74	5	33	61	11	110	184	23	11	34	218
GRAND TOTAL:	547	56	143	366	87	652	1199	221	30	251	1450